(*g*) This will be decided after the departmental enquiry is completed.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഓഫീസിൽനിന്നും പണമെടുത്ത ആളിനെ ശിക്ഷിച്ചു എന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അയാളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. George: അയാളെ ഇപ്പോൾ സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്തിരിക്കുകയാണു്. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി നടപടി നടത്തിവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അയാളിൽനിന്നും ആ സംഖ്യ ഈടാക്കിയോ?

Mr. K. George : ഈടാക്കിയതായി നിശ്ചയമില്ല. അയാളുടെ ഡോമണി പണത്തിൽനിന്നും ഈടാക്കാൻ ഉത്തരവു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Extension of the period of service of the Chief Engineer.

24. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the period of service of the Chief Engineer will expire ; and

(*b*) whether there is any special reason for extending the period of his service before the expiry of the same ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) On the 30th January 1937, under the existing contract with him.

(*b*) None, except that the question of extension of an existing contract has, as a rule, to be decided before its expiry.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know at whose instance the question of extension was taken up; whether it was at the instance of the officer concerned or at the instance of Government ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The officer concerned wanted to know whether he was to continue in Travancore service or leave it so that he might make other arrangements. The question was mooted by the officer concerned.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : At the time of taking up the question, may I know whether Government considered the feasibility of reducing the salary of the Chief Engineer in view of the separation of the Water Works and the P. W. D. ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government knew that the Water Works Section was separated from the P. W. D. when they decided to grant an extension of service to the present Chief Engineer on his present salary.

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Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government asked the officer concerned whether he is prepared to work on a lower salary at the time of revising his agreement ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Gratuity.

25. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the amount of gratuity given by them in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*b*) the amount spent by them outside the State in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*c*) whether any monthly allowance, in addition to gratuity, is being given to children of officers ;

(*d*) the principle on which this is given ; and

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a yearly statement of expenditure incurred by them on this account during the last twelve years ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether, after the introduction of the gratuity scheme, Government have given any family pension ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: No, so far as I am aware.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether any family pension was granted during 1111 to the children of officers ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: In the answer it is stated that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility. I want to know whether utility means *utility* to the member who wants information or to the Government ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: To all concerned.

Mistakes in the budget.

26. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any mistake in the budget submitted before the Houses of the Legislature by the Financial Secretary.

(*b*) if so, what was the amount of difference and how it happened ; and

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